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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Draft DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Council Directive 96/53/EC as regards the time limit for the implementation of the special rules regarding maximum length for cabs delivering improved aerodynamic performance, energy efficiency and safety performance **(first reading)**  
- Adoption of the legislative act

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1. On 17 May 2018 the Commission sent the above proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 91(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 17 October 2018<sup>2</sup>.
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted.
4. On 26 March 2019 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 9144/18.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 62, 15.2.2019, p. 286.

<sup>3</sup> 7723/19.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 40/19, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Germany abstaining.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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